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Charleston Man Arrested for Distributing Obscene Material to a Minor

(**COLUMBIA**, **S.C.**) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Jose Carlos Strobel (DOB: 4/16/1994) of Charleston, S.C. on three (3) counts connected to sexual conduct with a minor. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office, a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest. The Charleston City Police Department, U. S. Department of Homeland Security and the Las Vegas Police Department assisted.

Investigators say Strobel communicated electronically with a minor victim in Nevada, exchanging sexually explicit photos and messages via social media. Strobel discussed meeting in person with the victim and he confessed to communicating with other minors online, and receiving photographs of them.

Strobel was arrested on October 31, 2014. He is charged with one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment; one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, first degree, (§16-15-395), a felony offense punishable by up to twenty (20) years imprisonment; and one (1) count of Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor (18 or younger) (§16-15-345), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment and Sex Offender Registry status. Numerous electronic devices were seized for forensic examination.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.